

REMARKS

Applicant has provided a preliminary amendment to the specification to have same more accurately comply with U.S. practice. A marked-up copy of the specification is provided along with a clean version as per 37 CFR 1.125. No new matter has been added to the specification.

Further, applicant has included an Abstract to comply with U.S. practice.

Applicant encloses an executed Declaration/Power of Attorney, and certified copies of German Patent Application Serial Numbers 203 00 403.5; 203 04 001.5; and 203 13 145.2.

The claims have been amended and are fully supported by the specification. The marked-up claims comply with amendment practice under 37 CFR 1.121. No new matter has been added to the claims. Multiple dependencies have been removed.

The filing fee of \$563.00 and surcharge of \$65.00 are attached. If any additional fees are due or owing, please charge Deposit Account 08-2455.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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